

# The Romsey Rag

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Congratulations go to Tony Moore for being the first Boy from the 1st Romsey Scout Group to receive his Queen's Scout Award. Presentation night for his Award will be the 15th April at the Scout Hall, 7.30 p.m.

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## LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY LIONS CLUB.

About 18 months ago we ran a Cabaret Ball with the Castlemain Foundry Band. It was very successful and we have had a lot of requests to run another Ball - so in answer to those requests we are pleased to announce that we propose to run another Ball on Saturday the 14th May, commencing at 8.30 p.m. and finishing at 1.30 a.m. It will be held in the Mechanics Institute, Main St., Romsey, \$10.00 a ticket, B.Y.O. everything - food and drink. We will supply the Hall, Music, tea and coffee, glasses, and a good time should be had by all.

Due to the size of the hall we have had to limit the tickets to 150, so it will be a matter of first in, best dressed. Tickets will be on sale at the National Bank and it will be a matter of money up front when you get the tickets, we cannot hold tables on the off chance that you may be able to make up a party. Tables will seat 10, and there will be 15 tables.

The band will consist of 20 to 25 members and their music from the forties Big Band Music.

Warren B. Opie,  
Secretary.

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## RED CROSS NEWS.

Red Cross continues to be a positive and active group in Romsey. Recently a morning coffee was held at the home of Mrs. P. Salter. \$52.00 was raised at this function.

At the end of the year Christmas gifts were sold by Red Cross. \$272 was made through this fund raising effort.

Red Cross has recently assisted a local family with clothes and groceries after a fire gutted their house. Red Cross continue to fund the operation of the Blood Bank.

Red Cross helpers teach our young people first aid at Romsey State School, where there is also an active junior group of Red Cross.

This group teaches our young people to care about others in a practical way. We continue to provide transport assistance to those needing medical treatment etc., in the Melbourne and Sunbury areas.

"Red Cross Calling" will commence in March - please give as you are able. Our group is enthusiastic and friendly - come and join us.

The next meeting will be on the 28th of March at 1.30 p.m. in the Mechanics Hall supper room. For any enquiries please ring Mrs. Trish Corner 270 484.

P. Corner, Secretary.



CORNER CRAFTS.

FREE Chocolate-Making Demonstration and Tasting at Corner Crafts.

Wednesday 9th March 1-2 o'clock

Thursday 17th March 4-4.30

Tuesday 22nd March 1-2 o'clock

Come along and learn how to make your own Easter Eggs.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY

March 27th PALM SUNDAY: Holy Communion, Romsey at 9 a.m. and  
Lancefield at 10.30 a.m. Guest Preacher  
Rev. Brian Viney, State Secretary of  
Bush Church Aid.

" 30th WEDNESDAY: Holy Communion, Lancefield 10 a.m.

" 31st MAUNDY THURSDAY: Lancefield Primary School Service,  
Christ Church, 9.30 a.m.

April 1st GOOD FRIDAY: Holy Communion, Lancefield 8 p.m.  
Ecumenical Service, Romsey Uniting  
Church, 10 a.m.

" 2nd EASTER EVE: Easter Vigil and Lighting of the Paschal  
Candle, Romsey 7.30 p.m.

" 3rd EASTER DAY: Holy Communion, Lancefield, 9 a.m.  
Romsey, 10.30 a.m.

Vicar: Revd. Len Brassington.

NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA. ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD GROUP.

Our meeting for this month will be held on Thursday, 17th March, at 8 p.m. The venue is the home of Pam Irvine, 11 Todd Lane, Romsey, ph. 295 502. The guest speaker for the evening will be Gayle Daff who will talk on Effectiveness Training for Women. This should prove to be a most interesting night, so we hope to see many members and friends there.

ROMSEY.

Autumn glow of ash and oak,  
Cheery words from country folk.  
Utes and bobcats hurry by,  
Fine old buildings please the eye,  
Rider on a prancing hack,  
Jean walks by with spotted Jack.

When driving rains in Winter sting,  
Layered clothing is the thing.  
Woolly mists from gullies rise  
and glorious clouds enrich the skies.  
Children jogging, teacher led,  
(Some would rather be in bed)!

In Spring the first green leaf surprises  
as sluggish sap to furred bud rises.  
Willows green by Five Mile Creek,  
Here the children tadpoles seek.  
Romsey walkers out for a hike,  
Postie on her motorbike.

Walking in the Summer heat  
How welcome is our shaded street,  
The serried ranks of elms still stand  
Where pioneers so wisely planned,  
And overhead with raucous cry  
A cloud of pink and grey sweeps by.

Elsie Paterson.

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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE.

On the weekend of 27th/28th February, the Romsey Artists and the Fire Brigade Auxiliary held another successful Art Show. The brigade would like to thank the Romsey Artists, the Auxiliary and all those who supported the Art Show.

We would like to remind residents that the fire danger period is still with us and has a substantial period of time to run. Fortunately we have had a relatively fire-free summer so far. However, the country-side is now extremely dry and a mildly warm windy day can provide the conditions for a large grass fire. Please assist the brigade by exercising care in situations where sparks or fire may result.

FIRE REPORTS ONLY: 295 333

New members are always welcome. Prospective members can introduce themselves to the Captain, Ron Cole at the Romsey Post Office, or at the fire station after 8.30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Regular monthly meetings are held at the Group Headquarters (in front of the fire station) at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Training nights are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7.30 p.m.

Finally, the brigade has a set of party lights which are available for hire at a very reasonable rate. Normal or coloured globes are available. All enquiries can be directed to the brigade Secretary, Ian Ogilvie, by telephoning 295 715.

161 ROMSEY SCOUTS NEWS.

"Papers, Papers, we want your Papers."

Scout paper drive, Saturday, April 26th 9 til 12. There will be a truck parked in the Romsey Shire car park and two trailers by Lancefield Grain Store, so bring all those unwanted papers to us. Anyone elderly, incapacitated or who have more than 1 Ton weight of paper Ring 295 250 after 6 p.m. to arrange pick up.

A Trivia night coming up in May. It should be a good night - will keep you posted.

The Annual General Meeting for the Romsey scouting movement is 28th March at 8 p.m. A representative from each family with children involved are asked to attend please.

POLICE NEWS.

It's a good feeling to know that sometimes people do see things and bring it to the attention of the Police so that we can do something about it. Early in the month one of our locals called into the Police Station about 11 a.m., he was just on his way home from work. He is a shift worker and when he was going to work at about 4.30 am, he saw a car parked on the side of the road. On the way home at about 10.30 a.m., he saw the car again, and there was somebody in the passenger seat and on the floor were a lot of tablets. The passenger (a woman) appeared to be alive, so he hotfooted up to me and we arranged an Ambulance, went down to the car, and the woman was removed from the car and transferred to Hospital. It later turned out that the woman, from Craigieburn had been in the car since about 11 p.m. the previous night, very depressed and seeking help of any sort. Through the alertness of this motorist, a life was saved.

The point that I am making, is that if you don't want to get too involved, at least let us know if you see something that is a bit out of the usual and we will take it from there.



We must get back into the old habit of helping each other, all information is treated on a very confidential nature, and such information is never disclosed.

As you are no doubt aware on Monday night the 29th February we had a spate of Criminal Damage around the towns of Romsey and Lancefield, in Romsey alone there were 10 separate incidents and in Lancefield 14 incidents.

You'll be happy to know that on Wednesday two men from Essendon, one 17 years of age and one 22 years of age were charged with these offences and numerous others and will appear in the Kyneton Court later this month.

The hot weather is still with us and the fire problem is still very bad so for everyones safety please be careful.

Warren E. Opie,  
Snr. Constable, 16670,  
Officer in Charge.

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ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB

Romsey Youth Club meets fortnightly at various locations within the town depending on what activity is planned.

Some of the activities are Games Nights, Disco's, Bingo and Mystery Walks. We also visit places of interest such as the Police complex at Sunbury, Metropolitan Fire Station at Eastern Hill and Tullamarine Airport (Ansett Hangars).

Membership is open to children from Grade 5 up and for \$1.00 per night and a small registration fee you can join the Club and enjoy these activities.

Next meeting of the Club Committee will be held on Wednesday the 9th March, 1988 at 7.30 p.m. at the Romsey Primary School.

For further information please contact Ron Cole on 29 5411 or Chris Shanahan on 29 5316.

Ron Cole, Secretary.

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COUNCIL NEWS

It is hoped that during April the Shire will have a "Free Tree Scheme". More on this in next months Romsey Rag. Also in April it is planned to seal the service road outside of Newnams, the one from Old Farm Way to the Primary School and a tennis court at the Recreation Centre.

Work on the two open drains on the south side of the town has finally commenced.. Senior Citizens Week is 20th to 26th March. An afternoon tea will be held by the Shire at the Mechanics Institute hopefully on the 21st March, to involve local school children and some form of professional entertainment.

No Parking signs are to be erected in Park Lane near the entrance to the Rec. Centre. People parking in this location have inadvertantly caused a problem to local business persons trying to get trucks in/out of their driveways.

Finally, baby capsules are in the news. Demand exceeds supply at the moment. All efforts are being made to obtain more. If your baby is due soon, to avoid disappointment, please defer baby's delivery date for 2 - 3 months.

Till next time,

Ken Francis,  
Geoff Neil.



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - LANCEFIELD BRANCH

The February meeting was held on Friday 26th commencing at 10.00 a.m. with a working bee to complete a knee rug, followed by lunch. The meeting started at 11.30 p.m.

In General Business the question again arose concerning the Spring Show. The meeting was advised that all three local papers were kind enough to print solicited copy in which the public were requested to contact Betty Garner, Publicity Officer at 7 Clifton Drive, Lancefield, if they had any ideas for new categories to be included in the coming show, and she was requested to submit copy to the "Romsey Rag" concerning this event, as follows.

As well as suggestions for new categories we would like to have more entries for the Spring Show than in previous years. Don't be afraid your produce or handwork is not good enough or that the judges will be too severe. There are novice classes in most categories and one never knows until one has tried. It is also well to remember that all monies taken are put to good causes and the small entry fees soon add up to swell the funds. Plus you have the added incentive of knowing you are better than you thought you were when you win!

Another point we would like to stress is that new members are always welcome. We have monthly meetings at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall the fourth Friday of each month commencing at 1.30 p.m. with the exception of the March one due to officer commitment. Come along to the April meeting for a chat and a cup of tea and see for yourself. If you are new to the area it is one way to make friends and increase your enjoyment of country life.

Betty Garner  
29 1702

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

Low-impact exercise to music classes have started at the Romsey Recreation Centre. The classes are suited to over weight people, older adults or people rehabilitating from injury. There is no running, no bouncing and no dangerous movements. Classes are held on Monday and Thursday at 10.30 a.m. and run for 30 minutes. Classes are conducted by trained professional instructors.

Any enquiries please phone Daryle on 29 5637.

FOR SALE

Builders power pole in good order - \$80 o.n.o.  
Chestrobe, large two door Spanish style (dark timber), good condition, must sell - \$200 o.n.o.

Phone: 29 5358.

THE YUK ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 25

The Case of the Lemon Tree. A request from an old friend in Avondale Heights to inspect his lemon tree which had not been growing well for years reminded me that he had made the same complaint about the same tree several years ago and that I had suggested some likely causes and cures without seeing the tree. One glance at the tree this time immediately revealed at least one cause: grass growing right up to the trunk of the tree competing not only for moisture but also for nutrients, particularly nitrogen. A report a week later from the owner that he had removed the grass without disturbing the roots as there wasn't any there, supported my belief that the grass was the main cause of the trouble, the tree apparently deciding not to waste energy trying to compete in this area and not



being able to satisfy its requirements at lower levels. Are your fruit trees and/or other trees and shrubs suffering from this cause? A casual glance at many properties in the newer estates reveals many cases of trees and shrubs suffering from this cause often having made little or no progress since planting several years ago.

In the Romsey climate as in many other places, protection from cold winds - particularly for citrus, passionfruit and other hot climate plants - in addition to freedom from competition and attention to other normal growing requirements is essential.

Syd. Wheller.

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ROMSEY BROWNIE GUIDE LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

The new Brownie Guide year has commenced in Romsey. There have been some changes. The two Brownie units have now amalgamated to become one. This was necessary due to the lack of Brownie leaders. Mrs. Alison Verity is in charge of this unit with Mrs. Pat Mullenger as her able assistant. Jodi Thompson is junior leader.

Helena Thompson continues as our District Commissioner. Her skills of arbitration and wisdom are invaluable.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Sue Lawton for her successful application to attend the International Guide Camp at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. She will be travelling with 17 Guides and 2 other Leaders. Fundraising by the Romsey Local Association, aims to financially assist the Australian Contingent on their trip, by holding a Lamington Drive in April. Please assist with this effort.

A plaque has been placed on the wall of the Romsey Scout Hall in memory of Mrs. Val Lobb who gave so much time and effort to the establishing of a guide unit in Romsey.

We are pleased to congratulate Jodi Thompson who is now a trained junior Brownie Leader. We appreciate the time and interest she has given.

Please keep in mind that there will be a fund raising produce stall on the 19th March at 9.30 a.m. in the stall beside the chemist. All donations of cakes and produce would be appreciated. They can be left with Mrs. B. Cole at the Post Office.

Our thanks are extended to Mrs. Wendy Gosden for all her help over the years as a Brownie Leader. Wendy is now successfully building her own little brownie pack at home (three girls so far)!

The next Brownie Guide L.A. Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Lindy Shone on the 21st March. Hope to see you there.

As a community please support our Guide Brownie Cub and Scout units as they are helping to mould and train our young people into caring, kind, thoughtful, helpful young adults. They are our citizens of the future.

Patricia Corner, Secretary,  
Brownie Guide Local Association.

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FOR SALE: Scout and Cub Uniform,  
Shorts, size 28; Long Pants, size 76.  
Shirts, size 12 and SM 95 c.m.  
Contact: Helena Thompson 29 5325

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## ROMSEY GUIDES AND BROMMIES

I would like to thank everyone who bought chocolates on our recent drive to help with Sue Lawton's trip to Canada.

## BLACK FOREST REGION

Each year this region sends Girls and Leaders to International events within ~~Australia and Overseas, usually at their own expense. This year we have a~~ Leader, Sue Lawton from Romsey and Theresa Swaffield a Junior Leader going to an International event in Canada, and the Region feels that because of the information and experience that they will be bringing back to the region we should help with some of their expenses.

We are having a LAMINGTON DRIVE to help Sue Lawton. Lamingtons are \$3.20 per dozen and orders will be taken until the 10th April, with the delivery date being 7th May at the Guide Hall.

Helena Thompson  
29 5325.

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## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

The ladies golf season will commence on Tuesday 22nd March. The Club will welcome any new ladies who wish to try the game. Hit off time is 9.30 a.m. every Tuesday. Names in by 9.25 a.m. for draw. For further enquiries please phone Mrs. Lorraine McIlldowie on 29 5355 or Mrs. Elaine Scanlon on 29 5371.

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## ROMSEY SPORTS & CLOTHING

HAVE NOW ON SALE!

Grey School Lee and Levi Jeans for only \$24.99 and Levi Student Denim from \$24.99.

Cricket and Tennis clothing all marked way down but only a limited assortment left, so be early.

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## UNITING CHURCH NOTES

From time to time it becomes clear that our church is not easy for interested newcomers to find. Our sister churches in Main Street are readily observed. However, there are signs to show the way. The first is at the Murphy / Main Street corner pointing west. A right (to the north) turn into Pohlman Street and then the Romsey Uniting Church can be found on the left behind its massive trees.

Services are at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Children are most welcome. Sunday School is held during the same hour. The church has a number of activities that might interest you. Any queries should be directed to the minister,

Rev. Adrian Pegler,  
25 William Street.  
29 5351.

A warm welcome awaits you at our family church.

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## RANDOM RAGGINGS by "RAMBLER"

Before Christmas I wrote about the dog problem. Since then one reader has challenged me to mention the reverse side of the situation. While I am still concerned about the danger to humans in the first instance, I am aware that some animals are in need of protection too.



Many dogs are contained in 'pens' that are too small for reasonable comfort for far too many hours per day. It is no wonder that some of them are bad tempered and dangerous. They should be protected from their "loving owners" just as the general public should be protected from their natural anger.

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On the positive side, a word of congratulations to Mrs. Sue Lawton. Sue has been given the chance to be one of two Australians at an International Guiding conference in Canada in July. A member of one of Romsey's most involved scouting/guiding families, Sue certainly deserves the opportunity.

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Vandalism and anti-social behaviour go on. While the most recent outbreak may have been carried out by "out-of-towners" there are too many examples of what must be local offences.

Parents!!!! DO YOU KNOW where your teenagers are, and what they are doing, at all times? I hope so, but I bet that many of you don't. How about it?

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH Sunday School have available for sale Easter Gift Packs with a spiritual message, Prices \$3 - \$6. If you are interested please contact either Helen Clement on 29 5317 or Trish Corner on 27 0494.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 1988

A very pleasant afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended this annual service (planned this year by the people of Brazil), which was held at St. Marys Catholic Church, Romsey on Friday 4th March at 1.30 p.m. The theme of the service was "Open Doors" and Alison and Bill Connett of Mycliffe Bible Translators were excellent guest speakers on that theme - their talk being thoroughly enjoyed by all the congregation. Special thanks to the Rev. Len Brassington for his rendition of "Bless This House" which was most appropriate. We very much appreciate the efforts of all who participated in the Service and sincerely thank St. Marys Romsey Congregation and Fr. Lex Dunlop for their hospitality. \$110.50 was collected for our offering to World Day of Prayer Funds.

Helen M. Clement  
(Hon. Sec. World Day of  
Prayer Committee).

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a non denominational christian group presenting the gospel to the community.

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life". We provide assistance in the following areas:-

Youth ministry, counselling, home fellowship meetings and regular Sunday fellowship.

We meet at the following locations:-

March 6th	Lancefield Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
March 13th	Romsey Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
March 20th	Lancefield Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
March 27th	Romsey Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.

ALL WELCOME!

Any further enquiries to:- Geoff Holland 29 5673  
Phillip Hemphill 29 1672



NEW EXERSITE EQUIPMENT

There will soon be a health club in the neighbourhood, and it costs nothing to join. It's called Exersite, and it's part of the Australian Fitness Campaign, sponsored by Australian Guarantee, Romsey Bicentennial Committee and the Romsey Primary School Council.

The Exersite is a range of modern fitness equipment set up at the school for the free use of the community. You'll find easy to follow instructions for all levels of fitness. Now you can work on your tan while you workout your body!

Grand Opening is at 3 p.m., this Friday 11th March - All Welcome!

LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY LIONESSE CLUB

We would like to remind all 70 years and over residents of the district of the Bi-Centennial Re-union Luncheon being held at 12 noon, Sunday 27th March at Lancefield Mechanics Hall. Would you please contact Helena Thompson on 29 6326 or June Martin on 29 1415 as soon as possible to facilitate catering arrangements - TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE.

Vera Richmond

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

\* Indicates items detailed within this edition of the Romsey Rag.

- March 15 Tue Romsey Primary School AGM and Election of School Councillors.
- 19 \*Sat Brownie/Guide Cake Stall
- 21 \*Mon Brownie/Guide L.A. Meeting
- 9 \*Wed Romsey Youth Club Committee Meeting
- 9th/17th & 22nd \* Chocolate Making Demonstrations
- 23 \*Wed Romsey Primary School Tupperware Party in the School Art Room
- 28 \*Mon Red Cross Meeting
- 29 \*Tue Romsey Scout Annual General Meeting
- April 8 \*Fri Romsey Rag Contributions Due to the Romsey P.O.  
(NOTE: Date Change due to Easter)
- 16 \*Sat Scout Paper Drive.
- May 14 \*Sat Romsey/Lancefield Lions Club Ball.

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